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NICHOLAS COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARMS POSSESSION CHARGE

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Gary Lee Rollins, 53, of Nettie, Nicholas County, West Virginia, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr., to possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon. Rollins admitted that on or about January 22, 2010, he possessed a firearm and subsequently carried the firearm to an associate's residence in Nicholas County. Rollins further admitted that the firearm that he possessed and delivered was a Taurus revolver, which he kept at his mother's residence located in Big Chimney, prior to carrying the firearm to his associate's residence.

Rollins was convicted on or about May 18, 2007 in Circuit Court of Clay County of manufacturing marijuana and attempt to cultivate marijuana and was aware that it was unlawful to possess a firearm or ammunition.

Rollins faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on August 12, 2011.

The West Virginia State Police conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Larry Ellis is in charge of the prosecution.

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